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HOUSE BILL 130

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING NEW SECTIONS OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT; REQUIRING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO MAKE MONTHLY PUBLIC REPORTS AND TO RETAIN DOCUMENTATION ON MEDICAID AND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MEDICAID AND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENT.--The department shall make available to the public on an internet web site that the department maintains, and through publication of a monthly statistical report, data to assess the enrollment and retention of individuals who are eligible for medicaid or

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1 the state children's health insurance program, including:

2 A. annual budget projections and expenditures by
3 category of eligibility;

4 B. monthly point-in-time numbers of enrolled
5 recipients, listed by each category of eligibility, showing the
6 number of individuals actually enrolled in medicaid or the
7 state children's health insurance program at the time of
8 reporting and made publicly available within thirty days after
9 the month has ended;

10 C. monthly denial rates for medicaid and the state
11 children's health insurance program, including for each month:

12 (1) the number of applications that the
13 department received;

14 (2) the number of applications that the
15 department approved;

16 (3) the number of applications that the
17 department denied; and

18 (4) for those applications denied, the number
19 of cases denied and the denial code, listed according to the
20 following reasons for denial:

21 (a) income or asset ineligibility;

22 (b) voluntary withdrawal;

23 (c) procedural denial;

24 (d) categorical ineligibility; or

25 (e) any other reason;

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1 D. monthly termination rates of medicaid and state
2 children's health insurance program cases, including for each
3 month:

4 (1) the number of cases due for renewal;

5 (2) the number of renewals received;

6 (3) the number of renewals approved;

7 (4) the number of renewals denied;

8 (5) the number of recipients whose cases were
9 terminated, listed according to the reason for termination by
10 code; and

11 (6) the number of recipients that the
12 department disenrolled and reinstated within six months; and

13 E. any other data that would be useful to consider
14 in analyzing the effectiveness of medicaid and state children's
15 health insurance program case enrollment and retention
16 policies."

17 Section 2. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] MEDICAID AND STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH
20 INSURANCE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION.--In order to
21 evaluate the accuracy of eligibility determinations, the
22 department shall document and store the following information
23 within individual medicaid and state children's health
24 insurance program records for no less than three years:

25 A. a complete record of the reasons that the

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1 department denied or terminated enrollment; and

2 B. efforts that the department has taken to ensure
3 that medicaid and state children's health insurance program
4 applicants and recipients receive adequate and timely
5 notification of specific steps that must be taken to complete
6 applications or to recertify eligibility for benefits."

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